

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 3500

AF FOR LANNON WALKER

LONDON FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, RH, US  
SUBJECT: BRIEFING FRONT LINE ON HELMS AMENDMENT

REF: STATE 180796

1. MY FRIEND ALLICE T. CURRAN, RETIRED FSO, (PHONE: 202-337 1413)  
HAS USEFUL TIES IN CONGRESS AND COULD BE HELPFUL WITH TACTICS  
IF BRIEFED ON HELMS AMENDMENT. STRONGLY URGE YOU CONTACT HER. IN  
VIEW OF NECESSITY IMMEDIATE ACTION, I WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE IN LIEU OF LETTER. ALTERNATIVELY, I WOULD BE WILLING TO  
TELEPHONE HER IF YOU CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE.

2. MESSAGE FROM MABEL SMYTHE TO ALICE CURRAN QUOTE I BELIEVE USG  
HAS VITAL INTEREST IN MAINTAINING OUR CREDIBILITY IN AFRICA.  
SINCE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PROMOTES NEITHER PEACE NOR DEMOCRACY,  
US SUPPORT FOR IT IN ANY FORM WOULD NEGATE OUR DECLARED POLICY TO  
END HOSTILITIES THROUGH PROMOTING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AMONG  
ALL PARTIES IN RHODESIA. I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE  
IN PLANNING WAYS TO VITIATE ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO PASS HELMS  
AMENDMENT, PERHAPS WITH HELP OF SUCH CONTACTS AS GORE, CRANSTON,  
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ET AL. UNQUOTE.

3. NOTE: ALICE HAS BEEN A HIGHLY PAID WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE  
OF ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA AND MIGHT HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT  
BEING ASKED TO HELP ON MATTERS OF THIS NATURE. BUT I BELIEVE  
BECAUSE OF VERY CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP SHE MIGHT DO A FAVOR  
FOR ME IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A USEFUL COURSE OF ACTION.

SMYTHE

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